Applicants—B. A. & B. Sc. Courses.

127. Mr. P. C. Varkey *(Ernakulam Town North).*—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of applicants this year for each of the B. A. and B. Sc. courses?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Please see the statement appended *(Appendix II.)*

Rule regarding admission—College classes.

128. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri North).*—Will the Government be pleased to state their motive in adopting rule 6 in the matter of admission in the College classes?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is to afford some measure of special facility to those who have been serving them.

129. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri North).*—Will the Government be pleased to state as to whether they strictly adhere to Rule 7 for admission in the College classes; if so, what is the principle underlying behind the rule?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Yes. The principle is that people who are of the State and who pay taxes in the State should be afforded the amenities the State provides in preference to people who are not of the State.

School for the Blind—Kunnamkulam—particulars regarding.

130. Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when was the school for the blind at Kunnamkulam opened;

(b) how many classes and divisions there are now in the school;

(c) how many teachers there are now in the school towards whose salary the Government are giving any grant;

(d) when was the grant towards the teachers' salary first granted;

(e) whether running a school for the blind is not more expensive than running an ordinary school;

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